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SECURITY INFORMATION REPORT

TOPIC VP Border Guard Unit in Nordhausen.

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[REDACTED] the headquarters of the border guard unit which was stationed at Nordhausen am Taschenberg (building of former Amtsgericht).

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the Nordhausen border guard unit,

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numbered one NCO and 22 EM. Officers assigned to the unit included Lieutenant Colonel Schlotte (fnu), commander of the border guard unit,

[REDACTED]; Captain Fritz Pieper, chief of staff and deputy, [REDACTED] Senior Lieutenant Gerlach (fnu), assistant chief of staff,

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Senior Lieutenant Grossmann (fnu), head of the personnel section,

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[REDACTED] assisted by two junior lieutenants and one NCO; Major Gaing (fnu), political officer [REDACTED] Captain Bach (fnu), assistant political officer, [REDACTED] residing in Sangerhausen; Senior Lieutenant

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Behrends (fnu), assistant political officer, [REDACTED]

Ilfeld; Senior Lieutenant Mahle (fnu), assistant political officer, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] residing in Nordhausen; Lieutenant Hanache (fnu), assistant political officer [REDACTED] residing in Benneckenstein; Junior

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Lieutenant Wozedalek (fnu), classified-material officer, [REDACTED]

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Lieutenant Jaeger (fnu), director of training and instruction, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] residing in Ellrich; Lieutenant Arndt (fnu), liaison officer with the state security service (SSD),

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[REDACTED] and who resided in Cera; Junior Lieutenant Merten (fnu), signal officer, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] residing in Salza; Lieutenant Brotzek (fnu), ordnance officer,

[REDACTED] Junior Lieutenant Schreiber (fnu), criminal police expert

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officer, [redacted] and Lieutenant Brunner (fnu), head of the supply section, [redacted]. The headquarters of the unit, which totalled about 120 officers, NCOs and EM, included a Soviet major, who came from the infantry battalion stationed at Nordhausen.

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3. Weapons stored in the ordnance store of the unit included eight machine guns with drum magazines, 400 Soviet-made submachine guns, 300 factory new Soviet Model M-100 rifles and about 200 factory new signal pistols. Ammunition stored in four ammunition bunkers in the yard of the billets included 100 rounds per rifle, about 200 rounds per submachine gun, three boxes containing dynamite and four boxes containing handgrenades. Weapons stored ready for action in the guardroom of the headquarters building, included 32 rifles, 20 model 38 pistols and two model 08 pistols. Ammunition in stock for commitment included 4,200 rounds of infantry ammunition and 176 rounds of pistol ammunition.
4. The motor vehicles of the unit included four Horch-Diesel 3.5-ton trucks; eight Granit-27 IFA ration supply trucks; three F-9 IFA sedans; two Granit-27 personnel carriers of a capacity of 30 men each; one Granit-27 ambulance; 13 BMW 250-cu-in motorcycles; and one Granit-27 motion-picture truck.
5. The unit had teletype connection via Erfurt with Lieutenant General Hermann Gortner, chief of the border police in Berlin, and telephone connections to all border komendaturas and subposts but not radio connections.
6. Komendaturas assigned to the unit included the Teistungen komendatura, which controlled the Berlingerode, Justzenbach, Ecklingerode and Guenterode subposts; the Klettenberg komendatura, which controlled the Obersachswerfen, Ellrich, Silkerode and Limlingerode subposts; and the Beneckenstein komendatura, which controlled the Sorge, Schierke, Elend and Rothesuette subposts.
7. [redacted] the Berlingerode subpost, [redacted] which was commanded by Lieutenant Moeller (fnu), numbered 2 officers, 4 NCOs and 52 EM. The troops were accommodated in a low wooden building, about 100 meters west of the cemetery. A second low wooden building was under construction. The daily duty schedule of the subpost provided for eight hours of border guard service and four hours of political indoctrination and ordnance instruction. Five double patrols constantly were in the terrain in addition to a patrol which in day-time patrolled along the 10-meter check strip. There were three stages of alert, the first being cancellation of leave; the second being confinement to the barracks and increase of patrols; and the third being commitment on the border of all troops of the subpost except for guard details at billets.

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